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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment:

In the specification:

Please replace the only complete paragraph under the heading Cross-Reference to Related Applications on page 1 with the following text:

This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/232,346, entitled "NF-AT *Polypeptides and Polynucleotides and Screening Methods for Immunosuppressive Agents*", filed on January 15, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 08/507,032, entitled "Screening Methods for Immunosuppressive Agents", filed on 31 July 1995, which is a file-wrapper-continuation of Application No. 08/228,944, filed on April 18, 1994, which is a file-wrapper-continuation of Application No. 07/749,385, filed on August 22, 1991; and a continuation-in-part of Application No. 08/260,174, entitled "NF-AT *Polypeptides and Polynucleotides*", filed June 13, 1994, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 08/124,981, entitled "NF-AT *Polypeptides and*

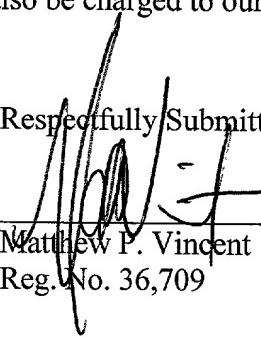
Polynucleotides", filed September 20, 1993 (U.S. Patent No. 5,837,840). These applications are hereby incorporated by reference herein.

The replacement paragraph presented above incorporates changes as indicated by the marked-up version below.

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Although Applicant believes no fees are needed in connection with filing this Preliminary Amendment, should fees be due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fees to our **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit account.

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